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Dear Patti + Michele —

Enclosed is a copy of the Andrew
Tarnowski London Times story (as filed), and
his previous story and the AF rebuttal.

His wife has filed a story along
the same vein with the Chicago Trib.

I hope we will not fall off
"the list." It has had enormous
impact here. I receive several letters
and calls asking is "my son
on the list." In most cases, the
person is Not listed. The major
fault with the list is that it
is incomplete, both as to listings
and to data on the cases.

I trust that any flap on the

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

(X) Release () Excise () Deny

Exemption(s):

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~~list~~ can be used to move the
checker forward.

~~The Xmas release was disappointing~~

(389 persons). About the same number released
~~as~~ late this summer. The number claimed to be still
under PEN 3607 is not believable or very sad.

Your backgrounder comment on the list
(which was given ^{only} to Mrs. Tarnowski) was on
target.

Although most of the team here
would like to see the list go away
it is a key part of the dialog. It
enables our govt to talk to the GDR
about a very difficult subject in a
code (ie the list) which they (the GDR)
find acceptable. Since we can't talk
about their procedures (or back thread)
or torture as ~~the~~ the basis for their
repression, we should, at least, keep talking
about the list.

Xmas cheers,

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